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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer and a small business owner who absolutely relies on broadband competition. I use and support SONIC.NET. They are a model of the kind of ISP that everyone should have access to. I used to have ATT, but ever since I switched to SONIC, I've gotten faster internet for less cost with better customer service and more privacy. This is the way that competition is supposed to work.

Thanks to competitive telecommunication laws, they have built a great network and are thriving. They are causing the big telecoms to compete and do better. Everyone wins (Note I even own ATT stock and think as a shareholder that this competition is good for them!). Small ISPs need access to unbundled network elements, please act to preserve competition. For example, last mile copper to inter-city fiber is crucial to competition. Let's say no to price hikes, increase competition, and facilitate faster speeds, lower prices, and better service. My business is relying on your appropriate action.

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